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WASHINGTON REPORT . . . MARCH 1960

1. **NARRATIVE OUTLINE:** March was spent mostly in Washington except as noted below. Miss Dorothy Gallagher, secretarial assistant, reported for work Monday 21 March. Field secretary came down with stomach flu but providentially only on the week end of the 12 and 13th. The loss of BRADFORD WILLIAMS, on March 23rd after a brief illness, was a blow which shocked and saddened us all.

2. **LIAISON AND ASSISTANCE WITHIN ASLA:** a. Correspondence with the Rocky Mountain and Florida chapters relative to the 61 and 62 meetings.

b. **Registration:** Learned from DAVID LEVINE and JOHN RYAN that the New York professional registration bill for landscape architects has passed the Legislature! It remains now only to be signed by Governor Rockefeller within 30 days. On request, President NEWTON and I wrote to the Governor urging approval. The New Jersey planners have a bill before their legislature calling for the registration of the terms 'Professional planner, registered planner and planner.' I initiated a letter, addressed to both members AIP and ASLA requesting that the term 'planner' be stricken from the bill on the basis that many people including landscape architects presently use this title. Also requested: that an exclusion clause for landscape architects be inserted in the bill.

c. Met with an energetic group of about 25 ASLA'ers and guests in the Baltimore area on the 9th, brought together by DALE LLOYD. Drove back to D.C. in the wee small through a heavy snow storm. On the 19th drove to Williamsburg with Potomac Chapter president MYRON HENDEE, participated in meeting and tour of the Williamsburg gardens with the newly-constituted Virginia Section. On the 29th attended meeting of the Potomac Chapter held in Union Trust Board Room. Presented a brief report. Afterwards, the group inspected the office here at 901, (just down the hall) which we share with the American Planning and Civic Association and the National Conference on State Parks. Miss Gallagher poured while I demonstrated office equipment. Lunch with 'Sandy' Sanders on the 24th discussing many problems

d. **"Honor Roll"** of participants in Washington Development Fund was sent to Boston for publication in the next Bulletin.

1. Background - This report was prepared in accordance with the instructions of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 10 October 1954, and is intended to provide information on the activities of the Communist Party, USA, in the United States, during the period from 1 January 1954 to 31 December 1954.

2. Summary - The Communist Party, USA, continued its activities in the United States during the year 1954. It is estimated that the CP had approximately 100,000 members in the United States at the end of 1954.

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b. Governmental agencies: Approximately six weeks of periodic collaboration with the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Commission culminated with the distribution of the program for the competition week of the 21st. Collaboration was done clandestinely, with detailed assistance only from NORMAN NEWTON and LEON ZACH so that the eligibility of all others might not be compromised. We were not able to get everything we asked for but we did get a great deal. The stringent requirement of a registered architect on each design team might have been broadened to include 'or a registered landscape architect' were we professionally registered on a nation-wide basis.

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c. OTHER PROFESSIONS: On the first was invited to lunch with Bud Dutton of the AIP and members of his staff discussing some questionable (to them) features of our New York registration bill...lunch with Edmund Purves, executive director of AIA on the 7th...attended local chapter meeting of the AIP on the 24th at the Naval Gun Factory here. I was seated at the head table, heard an inspiring talk on the design of plazas and other open spaces in Europe by Ed Bacon, planning director for Philadelphia and also Professional Advisor for the FDR Memorial Competition...a nice visit with Dick White, executive secretary of the American Association of Nurserymen here in the office on the 17th and lunch with him and two members of his staff on the 24th in the National Association Executive Club.

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Plant	1,072.22	
Salaries, Services	4,010.40	
Insurance, Taxes	1,000.78	
Rent	450.00	
Utilities	83.71	
Printing, supplies, postage	843.41	
Travel, Transportation	269.42	
Hospitality	38.00	
Subscriptions, memberships	<u>72.50</u>	
TOTAL		<u>7,830.64</u>
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Intra-professional Liaison	100 hours
Professional Service	59 hours
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